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1. IN ATTEMPTING TO RESPOND TO REFTEL DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED WIDE VARIETY OF BOTH PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL AGENCIES WHICH ENGAGE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING. OTHER THAN ACTION (SEE BELOW) THERE IS NO USG AGENCY WHICH FUNDS TEACHER PLACEMENT OF THE KIND SOUGHT BY THE MALDIVIANS. CU'S SUPPORT IS CONFINED TO PROGRAMS WHICH FURTHER STUDENT EXCHANGE (E.G., AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE, COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LIVING) AND IS RELATIVELY MODEST IN SCOPE.

2. ALTHOUGH SOME HAVE TEACHERS COMPONENT, THESE EXCHANGE ORGANIZATIONS WHEN INDIVIDUALLY CONTACTED STRESSED HIGH
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SUPPORT COST ASSOCIATED WITH TEACHERS, INCLUDING SALARY DIFFERENTIALS TO COMPENSATE FOR LOST INCOME WHILE ABROAD. WE WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY VOLAG WHICH BOTH PLACES AND PAYS ENTIRELY FOR ALL VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATED COSTS. HOWEVER, THERE EXIST VARIETY OF CHURCH SPONSORED GROUPS WHICH SUPPLY VOLUNTEER TEACHERS, REQUESTING ONLY THAT TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE U.S. AND LOCAL MAINTENANCE COSTS BE BORNE BY

HOST ORGANIZATION. THIS CONDITION APPEARS TO BE AN IR-REDUCIBLE MINIMUM. SHOULD THE MALDIVIANS BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THIS POSSIBILITY, FOLLOWING ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOM AUTHORITIES ON UNDERSTANDING THAT NO COMMITMENT IS IMPLIED: (A) MR. BILL WIEBE, MENNONITE BRETHERN MISSION SERVICE, 315 SOUTH LINCOLN ST., HILLSBORO, KANSAS 67063; (B) MR. LARRY GOOLEY, DIRECTOR, JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS, P.O. BOX 3928, PORTLAND, OREGON 97208; (C) MR. RAYMOND CLARK, DIRECTOR, MAT PROGRAM, SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING, BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, 05301. LATTER IS AFFILIATED WITH AEL AND MAINTAINS MASTER'S PROGRAM WHICH PLACES TEACHERS INTERNS ABROAD FOR THREE TO SIX MONTH PERIODS, ALTHOUGH SCHOOL PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE. WE HOPE TO HAVE OTHER NAMES IN SEPTTEL.

3. SEPTTEL ALSO FOLLOWS ON ACTION INPUT.
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